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REF: 1. VIENTIANE 3643, 2. UDORN 134, 3. UDORN 128,

4. VIENTIANE 3567, 5. STATE 115877

1. BEFORE USG WILL CONSIDER GRANTING ASYLUM TO LAO POLITICAL REFUGEES, THEY MUST FIRST REQUEST ASYLUM FROM HOST GOVT AND ALSO APPROACH UNHCR REP TO TRY TO OBTAIN RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES. LAO REFUGEES IN NONGKhai AND UDORN NEED ONLY SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BANGKOK TO APPROACH UNHCR REP THERE. ONLY AFTER THESE EFFORTS ARE EXHAUSTED CAN REFUGEES BE CONSIDERED FOR ASYLUM IN US ON AN CONFIDENTIAL

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INDIVIDUAL CASE BY CASE BASIS.

2. USG EMPLOYEES MUST ALSO GO THROUGH STEPS OUTLINED ABOVE BEFORE INS CAN CONSIDER THEIR REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM, ALSO ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE BY CASE BASIS. CLEARLY, FACT THAT THEY ARE USG EMPLOYEES WILL WEIGH HEAVILY IN CONSIDERATION OF THEIR REQUESTS.

3. WHILE WE CONTINUE RECOGNIZE PGNU, WE CONSIDER THAT LAO REFUGEES IN THAILAND ARE INDEED POLITICAL REFUGEES WITHIN MEANING OF CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL ON STATUS OF REFUGEES AND WE WILL IMPRESS THIS VIEW ON UNHCR. KISSINGER

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